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COUNCIL WILL HOLD TAX SALE IN JANUARY

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The regular meeting of the town council was held in the council chamber last Monday evening. The mayor was in the chair and the following councillors were present: Messrs. Keats, Ireland, Oates and Devitt.

It was shown by the clerk that all matters arising out of the previous meeting's minutes had been attended to to the satisfaction of the council.

The resignation of Councillor Robertson was read and accepted, and on motion of "Councillor Ireland, Oates and Devitt the action of the clerk in calling for nominations to fill the vacancy was approved.

A letter was read from the deputy minister of municipalities authorizing the holding of a tax sale for lands in arrears of taxes, provided the same be advertised in local paper and Gazette as required by law. In this connection the Mayor said it was the intention of the council to be as lenient as possible with those ratepayers who were in arrears and show a spirit of co-operation. With this subject in view the sale of lands would be deferred on any property on which the taxes were paid in arrears and the date set for the sale. A receipt for those taxes for the year stated would be given but the sale of redemption would be issued unless the taxes and penalties to date were paid in full.

On motion of Councillors and Oates the clerk was instructed to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the holding of the tax sale and to set date in compliance with the law governing same.

The meeting was held on the evening of election day the Mayor said it had been a strenuous day and as there was no more business to be in order, a motion to adjourn would be in order. This was promptly done by Councillor Devitt, seconded by Councillor Ireland.

Up to the time of going to press the date for the sale had not been set, but it will be held some time shortly after the 15th of January.

Cadadian Vegetables For The Allies

One of the Canadian industries which has expanded enormously since the war began is the trade in evaporated vegetables. Thousands of tons of vegetables of all descriptions are being condensed in weight and volume for use by the allied armies. The potato crop of the maritime provinces and the vegetable crops of British Columbia are contributing to this industry. In Ontario the purchases for these purposes have almost taken up the over-supply of vegetables and have given growers good markets at satisfactory prices for all the surplus grown.

The vegetables which are being prepared are onions, potatoes, cabbage, celery, carrots and turnips. All of these vegetables are being brought wherever available to fill these contracts.

Will Hold Burns Banquet Jan. 25th

The annual meeting of the Burns club was held in Crowe's hall last Wednesday evening. There was not very large turnout but the business of the meeting was proceeded with, most enthusiastically by those present. The secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. J. Devitt, showed the club in good condition financially.

The principal item of business before the meeting was to decide whether or not to have a Burns banquet this winter. After some discussion it was decided to celebrate the annual event on Burns night, January 25th. The banquet will be very much along the same lines as the one held last year and will be held in the Redcliff Hotel. A committee consisting of Messrs. A. L. Crowder, D. Kerr and C. Thompson was appointed to proceed with the necessary arrangements and already these are well under way. Tickets for the occasion will be on sale the beginning of next week.

REVIEW

OUR SLOGAN: An Industrial Metropolis of Industrious People Who Pull Together.

REDCLIFF, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1915.

Mayor Bott Optimistic For Redcliff's Future

When asked by the Review for his opinion on present conditions and the future outlook, Mayor Bott said as follows:

"Never was there a people, very much hampered by the inevitable rigidity of one technical rule of the forced growth which characterized the Canadian West a few years ago, who have greater reason to anticipate the future with assurance of permanent development than the people living in Redcliff in particular, and in Alberta in general, today."

In that historic year of settlement, house or no attention was given to the producing end of our economic system. "Grab years and get away with it," was the slogan in every centre of an inflated farm-work. Capacity for the thousands of population, which experience realized would require years to bring in, was rushed to completion, with the inevitable result. When construction work ceased, the numerous buildings were left uncoccupied simply because the supply had exceeded a natural demand.

Our problem now is to bring the producing end up to standard proportion, and, as we do this, in the various lines possible because of our rich endowment of natural resources, a steady progress will gladden the hearts of every worker who has borne the burden and heat of the days of persistent and unflinching effort.

There are many influences at work at the present moment to systematically irrigate, in the Redcliff area, the land and around Redcliff. The bringing, by production, the fertile land surrounding the town under vigorous cultivation, will make it, and necessary, several industries to take care of the various products of the soil. Because these industries will not suffer the painful reduction to industry started simply as promotion schemes, "grab" returns for which no honest equilibrium is intended to be given.

There are a number of staple industries which may be secured, which will not depend upon a rush of settlement, but will turn to account the opportunity the Canadian West affords in this period of "working out our own salvation."

To establish these will require hard work, and possibly a measure of sacrifice for a time, but the effort will win out, and "pulling increasing satisfaction from the fact of having taken some part in the building of a real, live centre of population, whose marching watchwords are "Industry, Enterprise and Integrity."

Let every citizen good-naturedly settle down to honest effort to produce something, and appreciate the effort of his neighbor to produce something, in a spirit of genial good-will toward all, then Redcliff will justify their existence, and, in the not far distant future, push forward to first rank as the manufacturing centre of the Canadian West.

Attendance at School Gradually Increasing

Although it was only a few months ago that an extra teacher was added to the school staff it is now beginning to look as though it would only be a matter of weeks till another addition will have to be made. During the past few weeks a number of new pupils have been added to the roll and the number of children attending school has increased in the last few weeks.

The cause for this rapid increase is obvious. Ever since early fall a number of families which were out of town for the last months in the summer are now moving back to town as the heads of these families have secured employment in some of the industries now in operation. Besides this a number of farmers from the surrounding district are moving to town for the winter, many of whom are making the move for no other reason than to give their children the opportunity of attending school, as several of the smaller schools in the rural districts have not opened up this term.

Because of all this and because of the great possibility of a number of new families coming to town when the next month, we feel safe in the prediction that it will only be a matter of a few weeks till the school will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate the children.

The school authorities are usually pretty good barometers we take this condition of affairs at our school here as a fair indication to the future of the future, to the old time prosperity and development in town.

A CHEERY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(Written for the Review.)

I think it safe to say that the Redcliff review of standing still is at least over. I wish this time forth, I look for a steady expansion and I am one of those who believe in the old fashioned doctrine that individuals and communities are better for an occasional setback. The wine of uninterrupted success has a sorry faculty for flying to one's head. Five years hence we will be looking back on our recent experience with a laugh, but we will not have forgotten their lessons, if there is any power to learn within us.

As a former newspaper publisher I am probably in a better position than many people are to appreciate the "snail" conduct of the publisher of the Review in sticking to his post during the days of depression. The newspaper is the one institution which feels the first shock of hard times, but at the same time it is the mirror in which the coming of a revival is first reflected. The publication of the Christmas Review is thus one of the significant tokens. Redcliff people will be ungrateful if they do not, with the coming expansion, remember the loyalty of the newspaper during the dark days which have gone.

I have always maintained that the individual who places his stake in an intelligent manner on the future of the town, and of the gas belt of Southern Alberta in particular, cannot lose. Under conditions become well settled this country of ours will fill up rapidly. We are easily accessible and industrial expansion will follow in the wake of settlement as surely as the rising of the sun follows its setting. People are bound to be attracted to a land in which personal rights are secure, which possesses sound and enduring institutions and where the possibility of bloody conflicts is as slight as it is here.

The age should all remember that the pioneer of all ages has in the very nature of things undergone serious discomfort. We are pioneers, as surely as our great grandfathers were, although our tasks are not the stinging and stumping of another age. We are practically the first generation of westerners and our aim should be to be so content ourselves that those who come after us will not point to us as triflers and visionaries but as real and permanent builders. The pioneers of all times had together in harmony and settled such disputes as they had in a satisfactory if summary manner. If there are factions in Redcliff, I would advise them to keep their mouths shut and their tongues clean and to speak. In other words those who disagree should get together and work out their differences. The majority of human differences are not worth while.

I have often spoken with the discouraged owners of real estate, who are standing about complaining that they are not in receipt of artificial profits. If these men will stop to think for a moment they will see that what makes real estate valuable is the effort of those who live upon it contiguous to it. It can be set down as elementary that real estate will always increase in value in proportion to the community effort. If we all get to work with a will the real estate of Redcliff will look after itself and property will eventually be saleable at a fair price. If men are engaged in useful pursuits and are engaged in their labor and possessions, all they ask or expect.

It is pleasant and not unprofitable to contemplate a real estate of dreaming. I often speculate as to what this country will be like twenty years from now and when I find myself laughing at myself for my optimism I recall that twenty-five years ago the people who predicted that the Canadian west would in years to come produce 100,000,000 bushels of wheat. This year the production is in excess of three times the amount mentioned. But I realize that too much dreaming is unproductive, even as a little breadens the vision and takes one out of sordid contemplations.

I trust that in the near future we will have in public positions men who will be able, by means of unerring effort, to cross of character and general knowledge, to bring to the notice of those in authority the possibilities of some people of Toronto. I would hope in future we will not allow ourselves and our institutions to be so

C. F. JAMIESON Of Medicine Hat, who writes an interesting letter in this issue

(thoroughly belabored by politics.) At this holiday season I extend to the readers of Redcliff my best wishes for prosperity in years to come and also my congratulations to the Review for the latest evidence of its enterprise and optimism.

C. F. JAMIESON

Redcliff Boy is Wounded in France

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lakey received a telegram from the militia department, Ottawa last Monday stating that their son, William, had been wounded in the trenches in France and had been taken to a hospital in Boulogne. The message stated that he had received his wounds as a result of the burning of shrapnel but does not say how serious they were. No further information has as yet been received.

Wm. Lakey was among the first from here to join the 3rd C.M. R. and was fighting with the battalion when he received his injuries. Lakey is a single man of about 23 years of age. He had resided in Redcliff for some time before enlisting and his parents and other members of the family still live here. During his stay here he was very popular not only among those amongst whom he labored, but also among those he associated with in a social way.

Young Men's Club Opens For Winter

At a meeting of the Men's Club held in Reid's hall on Monday evening it was decided to re-open for the winter the building on the corner of street opposite the Empire theatre. Pending a general meeting of the committee the officers still hold office and they are busily engaged in getting the new quarters in shape.

The admission fee for the club has been set at 50 cents and the dues at 25 cents per month for the present.

Mr. Mundell is acting as secretary-treasurer and a hearty invitation is extended to all men who will comply with the moral rules of the club.

General Sam Stands By His Soldiers

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, speaking at a meeting of Conservatives in Toronto yesterday, said that he was proud to stand by his soldiers. He said that he was proud to stand by his soldiers and that he was proud to stand by his soldiers.

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NEW COUNCIL WAS ELECTED LAST MONDAY

All Last Year's Councillors Returned—G. Lydiatt also Elected and Heads the Poll With Good Vote

Election day to fill the four vacancies on the council was held last Monday and outside of a little snow silt on the streets, passed off very quietly.

There were six candidates in the field. These were: Messrs. E. J. Crowe, W. L. Hall, H. A. Ireland, W. Keats, P. Lavell, and Gen. Lydiatt. Of these four were elected, those to fill the vacancies caused by the retiring of the ones who had filled out their term and to fill out the term of the one who resigned. The result of the poll was as follows:

Lydiatt..... 119
Lavell..... 111
Ireland..... 84
Crowe..... 80
Keats..... 55
Hall..... 50

Returning to the council, the first four mentioned elected. The first three to serve the two-year term and the fourth to complete the one year unexpired term of Councillor Robertson.

In all 125 ballots were cast but of these 125 ballots only 100 were valid. Each case putting in what is known as plumpers.

The circular headed "Council for 1916" will therefore be as follows: Mayor, J. J. Bott, councillors, Devitt, Oates, Ireland, and Lavell.

There was no contest for school trustees, as the three retiring trustees were re-nominated and declared elected by acclamation.

Unsigned Letter Sent To Council Candidates

Last Saturday some of the candidates in the field for municipal honors received a letter circular from what was signed "The Ratepayers Association." The circular headed "Council for 1916" and the candidates received them to pledge those, if elected, to do all kinds of foolish things which no living man could possibly do even if he were the whole council. To show how foolish were some of the demands made by these anonymous writers one was that the recipient of the letter, if elected, make it his personal business to go out and collect all night long. Another was that he undertake to buy several agreements made by previous council's agreements valid for the council by the ratepayers at that time.

These circulars were mailed to the candidates last Saturday with the request that they be answered either on the platform or by circular before the opening of the polls on Monday. To make these circulars more ridiculous, more foolish and more silly, no name was signed to them so that even if they were possible to answer them within the given time the candidates would not know to whom to send their answers. The circulars were signed "The Ratepayers Association" but notwithstanding the diligent search by the candidates for the name of the author, they have been unable to find one single solitary ratepayer in the town who knew anything of the "Ratepayers Association" or is willing to identify himself with it. Usually organizations of this kind have a president and a secretary who are not ashamed to sign their names to any documents issued in behalf of the organization, but evidently not so with this one.

The demands of the circulars were so foolish that they are not worth any comment but the unfortunate part of the affair is that, like all other cowardly, unsigned documents, its existence is a source of embarrassment to those who have suffered because of it. The Review has known Messrs. Keats and Hall, the defeated candidates for the council, to long to attach any blame to them.

The Greek government has commandeered all Greek shipping in British waters and the United States is to supply the deficiency in food and coal which exists in Greece as a result of the entente allies restrictions.

General News Notes From Various Points

A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm, is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Mail.

The defeat of an Arab band in an engagement with a British reconnoitering party on the Sinai peninsula is announced in an official statement issued in Cairo. Egypt, says a Reuters dispatch.

The Presbytery of Edmonton vote on church union was as follows: For union, 1,517; against, 1,005; majority in favor of union, 512. The mission fields of the district were practically unanimous for union.

Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien has been appointed to the supreme command of the forces operating in East Africa. A vigorous campaign has been instituted recently by the French and British to conquer East Africa.

Diplomatic relations between Austria and the United States are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, when United States citizens lost their lives.

Two Turkish gunboats are declared to have been destroyed near the island of Keffen, in the Black sea, about 60 miles east of the entrance to the Bosphorus, by three Russian torpedo boats under the command of Captain Count Troubetskoi.

A central organization for gathering evidence of offences against the neutrality of the United States has been created as the first step in the federal government's determination more stringently to enforce neutrality, as outlined by President Wilson in his address to congress.

The international committee of women for permanent peace, through the president of the Swedish section, has issued an official communication which says that neither the Swedish section nor the headquarters of the committee at Amsterdam will have any connection with Henry Ford's peace mission.

Officers' casualty list for three weeks ended November 29, are very much smaller than for some weeks previous and indicate the comparative lull in operations in the Dardanelles and on the western front. The losses would have been still smaller had there not been included some casualties in operations in Persia and elsewhere.

That the American people will hold President Wilson to a "strict accountability for the course he has pursued" in dealing with the European belligerents, is the prediction of a number of senators, Democrats as well as Republicans, who are preparing to submit to the country an analysis of the results of the administration's foreign policy.

The announcement that Dutch East India liners and mail boats will abandon for the present their usual course through the Suez canal, and will follow the Cape route, in conjunction with the Cologne Gazette's report of British trench digging and general defensive preparations on both sides of the canal, is taken by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News as confirmation of rapidly maturing designs on Egypt.

Postage on Parcels Going to Soldiers

The Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, postmaster general of Canada, has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the Imperial Postal authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France will be carried at the same rate of postage as supplies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the expeditionary forces on the continent, which is as follows: For parcels weighing up to three lbs. For parcels weighing over three lbs. and not more than seven pounds. 32c For parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds. 35c This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels to Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the Department recently, that until further notice, no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

British Aristocracy Suffers Severely

The new issue of Debut's peerage, the official annual record of British titles, strikingly illustrates how the aristocracy has suffered during the war. A roll of honor of some 800 names is given of those killed in battle or who have died of wounds, filling 12 pages.

The list contains of one member of the royal family, six peers, 16 baronets, six knights, seven members of the house of commons, 163 companions of various orders, 95 sons of peers, 82 sons of baronets and 84 sons of knights. Changes in succession to more than 100 titles thus have been caused.

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